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SUBJECT: SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES BY DR. WINKLER OF HORIZONT

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: TWO FURTHER ARTICLES IN THE SERIES, "BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND SAN FRANCISCO" BY DR. HEINER WINKLER, HAVE NOW APPEARED IN HORIZONT. ONE DEALS WITH THE MANY PROBLEMS FACED BY THE CITY OF DETROIT AND THE OTHER IS A BIOGRAPHICAL "PORTRAIT" OF CESAR

CHAVEZ. BOTH DEAL WITH PROBLEM AREAS OF U.S. SOCIETY. NEITHER CAN BE HAILED AS "AN END TO COLD WAR REPORTING ON THE UNITED STATES." HOWEVER, IF ONE READS THEM "BETWEEN THE LINES" AND "WITH THE PROPER FRAME OF REFERENCE" AS PEOPLE IN THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES LEARN TO DO, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF POSITIVE INFORMATION CAN BE GLEANED FROM THE CHAFF.

END SUMMARY:

2. VERY EARLY IN THE ARTICLE ON DETROIT, THE READER LEARNS THAT WINKLER'S TRIP THROUGHOUT THE U.S. WAS VERY WELL-ORGANIZED "WITH SUPPORT OF THE GDR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY." ONE ALSO LEARNS THAT DETROIT LEADS THE WORLD IN AUTO PRODUCTION, THAT ITS WORKERS ENJOY WAGES ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, THAT 7 OUT OF EVERY 10 DETROIT WORKERS LIVE IN ONE OR TWO STORY HOUSES, AND THAT, DESPITE RACIAL PREJUDICE, IT HAS A BLACK MAYOR. MAJOR EMPHASIS IN THE ARTICLE, HOWEVER, IS PLACED ON DETROIT'S HIGH RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT, THE DYING OUT OF

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THE CENTER OF THE CITY, THE PLIGHT OF THE BLACK WORKER, AND THE FACT

THAT DETROIT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE THE HIGHEST CRIME RATE IN THE UNITED STATES. A SINGLE BRIGHT LIGHT CITED BY WINKLER IS THE FUTURE OF DETROIT AS A "SPORT FISHING CENTER." IN THIS CONNECTION, HE NOTES THE SUCCESSFUL CLEANING UP OF THE DETROIT RIVER AND THE RETURN OF THE

GREAT LAKES SALMON. HOWEVER, HE QUESTIONS WHETHER THIS FACT WILL SERVE TO "HOLD DETROIT'S HEAD ABOVE WATER," GIVEN ITS COUNTLESS OTHER PROBLEMS.

3. IN THE "PORTRAIT" OF CHAVEZ, THE READER LEARNS THAT SUPPORT OF CHAVEZ IS NATION-WIDE IN "PROGRESSIVE CIRCLES" RANGING FROM "THE CPUSA AND THE GREAT TRADE UNIONS OF THE AFL" CIO TO SENATORS HUMPHREY AND KENNEDY." THE ROLE OF IDEALISTIC YOUNG AMERICANS IN SUPPORTING CHAVEZ ALSO COMES THROUGH STRONGLY. AN INTERESTING FACT FOR THE GDR READER IS THE REVELATION THAT AMONG THE IDEALISTIC YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS AT THE CHAVEZ HEADQUARTERS ARE TWO YOUNG MEN FROM THE FRG, WHO ARE DOING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE WITH THE CHAVEZ MOVEMENT RATHER THAN SERVING IN THE BUNDESWEHR. THE ABUSES OF THE "AGROBOSSSES" IN EXPLOITING THE "CAMPEÑINOS" WORKING IN THEIR ORCHARDS AND FIELDS ARE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL, INCLUDING THE BARBED WIRE AROUND THE MIGRANT WORKER HOUSING, THE USE OF PRIVATE POLICE AND THE IMPORTATION OF ILLEGAL WORKERS FROM MEXICO AS STRIKE BREAKERS. A QUOTATION ALLEGEDLY TAKEN FROM THE WALLS OF THE CHAVEZ HEADQUARTERS IS ATTRIBUTED TO A CALIFORNIA LANDOWNER STATING: "FORMERLY WE OWNED OUR SLAVES, NOW WE RENT THEM." WINKLER ALSO DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO WHAT HE DESCRIBES AS AN ATTEMPT OF THE TEAMSTERS' UNION TO SHOVE ASIDE AND REPLACE THE CHAVEZ UNITED FARM WORKERS' UNION,

ATTRIBUTING THE ACTION, AMONG OTHER REASONS, TO THE MISTRUST OF THE ANTI-COMMUNIST AFL" CIO LEADERSHIP OF CHAVEZ'S LEFT WING SUPPORTERS. IN THE CONCLUDING SECTION OF THE ARTICLE, HE QUOTES CHAVEZ AS NOTING REGRETFULLY THE LACK OF CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS OF HIS MOVEMENT. HE ALSO ATTRIBUTES TO HIM A RECOGNITION OF "THE NEED TO CONCENTRATE ECONOMIC POWER IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM." THE PERCEPTIVE GDR READER, HAVING NOTED EARLIER IN THE ARTICLE THE STRONG SUPPORT OF U.S. RELIGIOUS CIRCLES TO THE CHAVEZ MOVEMENT, HIS RECEPTION BY THE POPE, AND HIS COMMITMENT TO GANDHI'S TACTIC OF NON-VIOLENT DIRECT RESISTANCE, MIGHT WELL QUESTION WHETHER CHAVEZ FITS THE PATTERN OF THE TRU LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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